

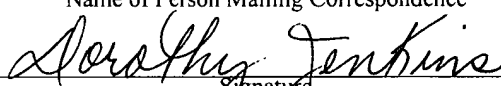
23. A musical tone signal generation apparatus according to claim 16 further comprising an informer to inform the user of issuance of a tone-generation instruction being issued by the performance operator in response to a manual operation.--

REMARKS

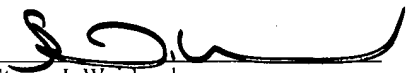
This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to change the multiple dependent claims to single dependent claims in order to reduce the government filing fee.

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